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Letter dated 13 July 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 July 1995 from H.E. Mr. Kresimir Zubak, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the General Assembly under item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 12 July 1995 from the President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I strongly condemn the Serbian aggression and occupation of Srebrenica, as well as the escalation of attacks against the other safe areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is obvious that the aggressor also intends to occupy these territories and to subject their citizens to the severest and most brutal of policies, ethnic cleansing and genocide.

We are deeply dismayed that more decisive and more effective measures, including the use of force that was made available to and placed at your disposal, have not been taken by this Organization to prevent this tragedy. These developments in the safe areas further jeopardize the political process and facilitate further aggression and atrocity.

You will recall that, according to the Contact Group peace plan, Srebrenica, as well as other safe areas, are integral parts of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Therefore, we consider this course of events to be a specific kind of challenge to the implementation of the Washington agreement and a testing of the political will of the world's most relevant sectors that support the further strengthening of the Federation.

Since all the responsibility for the efficient implementation of relevant resolutions lies with you, in accordance with the proposals adopted by the Security Council, we request that you exert all the necessary pressure against the Serbian aggressor, using all means at your disposal.

In this way, you would affirm that, in the year of its fiftieth anniversary, the United Nations can, indeed, be the place for finding adequate and principal solutions to current and potential conflicts and crises. This would also prevent further erosion of your Organization's credibility, and ensure the preservation of and compliance with the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which have been so flagrantly violated in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Kresimir ZUBAK